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## SENATE BILL No. 228

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DIGEST OF SB 228 (Updated January 21, 2009 4:14 pm - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21.

**Synopsis:** End of route inspection by bus drivers. Requires the operator of a school bus or special purpose bus to visually inspect each seat within the bus at the end of each trip during which passengers are transported to determine that no passengers remain on the bus. Requires the owner of a school bus or special purpose bus to report each incident in which a passenger is left on the bus to the department of education. Makes a violation of these provisions a Class C infraction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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### Lubbers, Wyss

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.  
January 22, 2009, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 9-21-12-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2006,  
2       SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 11. (a) A person who violates section 5, 6, ~~or~~ 7, **or**  
4       **19** of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.  
5       (b) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates section 12, 13,  
6       14, 15, 16, or 17 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.  
7       (c) A person described in section 18(b), 18(c), or 18(d) of this  
8       chapter commits a Class B infraction.  
9       SECTION 2. IC 9-21-12-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10       AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
11       1, 2009]: **Sec. 19. (a) A person who operates a school bus or a**  
12       **special purpose bus shall visually inspect each seat within the**  
13       **interior of the school bus or special purpose bus at the end of a trip**  
14       **during which passengers are transported to determine that no**  
15       **student or passenger has remained on the school bus or special**  
16       **purpose bus.**  
17       (b) The visual inspection required under subsection (a) must be

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- 1 conducted:
- 2 (1) at the conclusion of each trip during which passengers are
- 3 transported; and
- 4 (2) before the operator exits the school bus or special purpose
- 5 bus.
- 6 (c) A student or passenger is considered to have been left on a
- 7 school bus or special purpose bus if:
- 8 (1) the operator has reached the end of a transportation route
- 9 and exited the school bus or special purpose bus; and
- 10 (2) the student or passenger remains inside the school bus or
- 11 special purpose bus.
- 12 (d) A school bus or special purpose bus owner shall report all
- 13 instances of a student or passenger being left on the school bus or
- 14 special purpose bus to the department of education not later than
- 15 five (5) working days after the incident occurred.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 228, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 228 as introduced.)

LUBBERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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